

laboratories of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). The Government has recently approved the establishment of the Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development (IBSD) at Imphal, Manipur, as an autonomous institute under the Department of Biotechnology.

(b) and (c) As of now the Government have no proposal to set up any other new Institute of Bioresources during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003. However many large, multi-institutional projects on various aspects of bioresource development are under implementation in the country.

Honorarium/Allowances to Sportspersons

4716. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government to give employment for the National and International level sportspersons of the country, to encourage sportspersons;

(b) whether Government have been contemplating to give honorarium/allowances to sportspersons who are now in the field at the National and International levels for their contingencies; and

(c) if so, when it would be effected and if not, the reasons for not taking up such scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) As per the existing order of the Government 5% vacancies in various Ministries/Departments and Establishments of the Government are filled up by Meritorious Sportspersons in Group 'C' and 'D' posts in relaxation of prescribed procedures/rules to encourage sportspersons.

(b) and (c) No, Sir, as honorarium and allowances are admissible to salaried persons.